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Purpose

- ✓ This brief explains rules and responsibilities for operating unlicensed motorized vehicles on pedestrian walkways, including Gators, golf carts, club cars, etc., that are not designed or licensed to operate on streets.
- ✓ All drivers must review this brief before they can operate a cart on campus.

Illinois State Laws

- ✓ Illinois law prohibits driving unlicensed carts on streets.
- ✓ Illinois law requires that the driver of a vehicle on a sidewalk must yield right-of-way to any pedestrian.

Driver Training and Qualification

- ✓ Motorized cart operators must comply with Illinois requirements for operating a motorized vehicle: adequate vision and knowledge of traffic laws.
- ✓ Operators must possess a valid drivers' license issued in the United States or its territories.

Vehicle Identification

- ✓ Carts used by the University have an identification number issued by the Facilities & Services Garage.
- ✓ Identification plates specify the departmental owner, plus a unique number for each cart.

Rules for Driving Carts on Campus

- ✓ Carts may drive on sidewalks when necessary to transit between work areas.
- ✓ Carts may safely cross streets at designated crosswalks after observing pedestrian crossing signals.
- ✓ By Illinois state law, carts must yield to pedestrians at all times in all instances. There is never an occasion when carts have right-of-way over pedestrians.
- ✓ Carts may not exceed 10 mph on sidewalks.
- ✓ Carts may only carry as many passengers as can be safely accommodated by the vehicle design.

Remember...

- ✓ To someone walking on a sidewalk, a moving cart looks dangerous.
- ✓ **Be courteous. Stop or slow way down for pedestrians and bicycles. Give pedestrians and bicyclists plenty of room.**

For details see the UIUC Procedure for Operating Unlicensed Motorized Vehicles on Walkways, on the Facilities and Services web site at <http://www.fs.illinois.edu/services/transportation-automotive>.

I have read and understand the information in this brief.

Driver's Name: _____
(Print)

Driver's Signature: _____

Department: _____

Date: _____